

**The Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees
Workshop Meeting**

August 26, 2008

Members Present: Mayor Phillips, Trustee Seth Gallagher, Trustee Edward Mancari and Trustee Gordon Robertson

Member absent: Trustee John Teagle

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

McConville Park (Tots Park):

Representing Friends of the Tots Park were Robbi Smith and Eugenie Milroy

Mayor Phillips read a letter from Friends of the Tots Park including a tally of the money received from the Jamboree and donated. The total was \$7,200.00 The Friends of Tots Park has gone through a non-profit organization. A check will be given to the village when the equipment is ready to be ordered. The plan is to improve the playground.

The Friends of the Tots Park presented the Board with the **attached** resolution: Cold Spring Tiny Tots Park Improvement Initiative. Trustee S. Gallagher moved to accept the resolution as presented. Trustee G. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 4-0.

Other Business:

Mayor Phillips gave the following information:

- Commented on the overgrowth of vegetation along Route 9D. Due to the overgrown vegetation, bike riders and walkers must go into the road when traveling in that area.
- Informed the Board members that Donald Mac Donald has been put on the September 9, 2008 agenda to review an updated zoning map
- Gave an update on the progress of the valve replacement that has taken place this week. The foundation wall for the man hole has been completed. The manhole should be in place tomorrow and the work should be completed by Thursday.
- Gave a reminder of the Cold Spring Fire Company fireworks this Saturday. There will be 7 police officers activated from 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
- Gave an update on the cross walk stripping. Putnam County will do the cross walk stripping in the next couple of weeks whether or not the curb cuts have been done by the village.
- Informed the Trustees and the public that contractors will be coming tomorrow to give an estimate on insulating part of the Cold Spring Firehouse and the Village Hall. This work will be

paid for from money being received through an energy grant. Lighting improvements are also covered by this grant.

- A letter has been received from a family on Academy St. informing the village that branches from a tree need trimming. The tree has been inspected by L. Sebesta of the New York State DEC and trimming was recommended.
- Mary Saari, Village clerk, received verification from the State of New York that grant money is coming for planting, surveying and checking trees.
- The temporary benches by the waterfront are in the process of being removed by the Garrison Art Center.

Trustee G. Robertson asked when drilling will begin on New St. Mayor Phillips answered the second week of September.

Trustee E. Mancari gave an account update.

- Employee Pension Statement looks to be in good shape
- The regular employee account is short \$1,807. The police account is over \$7,000. Money from the police account will be transferred to the regular employee account.

Trustee G. Robertson asked if there was any update on the upcoming community day. Mayor Phillips answered the Community day will take place July 4, 2009 and could include the day before as well but that has not been decided. The Historical Society and the Garrison Art Center have been contacted. Both are very interested in getting involved. The event will take 3-4 months to put together.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Carol Casparian informed the Mayor and Board of Trustees that there is a dead animal in a garbage can on Fair St.

Mr. Thomas Ambrose expressed concern over the cell tower on the Butterfield Hospital property. He asked if there were any zoning codes relating to cell towers in the village. Mayor Phillips answered there were no zoning codes relating to cell towers. Mayor Phillips and Trustee S. Gallagher informed Mr. Ambrose that the cell tower had been on the property for several years but had recently been upgraded that is why it has become so noticeable.

Mrs. Karen Dunn expressed several concerns over the dance studio on lower Main St.

- She asked about the process for a change of use – if the building is no longer used as a dance studio what is the procedure for another use. Mayor Phillips answered if the use is similar to a dance studio they will not need a change of use. If the building will be used for something different they will have to go before the Planning Board.
- Originally when the dance studio went before the Planning Board, the Planning Board required 5 parking spaces. Mrs. Dunn noticed one space is occupied by an air conditioner unit.
- Mrs. Dunn heard the parking may be changed to diagonal in front of the dance studio and asked if that was true. Mayor Phillips answered no. The DOT has looked at the parking and believes it is best the way it is now. If Philipstown is considering changing the parking it must be approved by the village. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by

Linda Valentino